

Riverside

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My dear Fred [Overy, d. 1881]

Christmas is the time
for presents, and I am about to
make you one that I think you
will estimate

You have many of
the Works of Stubbs (Philip): some
of them, at least, you had from me,
and very rare they are; but you,
(and every other library) want one
that I have

"The Motive to good Work,"
It is a very small book, poorly
bound, but no other copy of it
than mine is known. You, in
every way deserve to have it;
and I will give it to you, but

only on one condition - that you
will not allow it to be reprinted.
I want it to be kept as a literary
curiosity.

It is yours on this condition. It
does not contain a syllable on
Theatre, or Plays, but is entirely
of a religious & moral character.

I am writing before
breakfast & alone in the dark

You deserve to have
the little book, especially from me.

A merry Christmas,
to you and yours!

Most affectionately

F. Overy Esq

J. Payne Collier

^{and gardeners}
The servants are overwhelmed
by gold & gratitude